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- \$141,000 to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for the Rural Meth Initiative

With the reduction in methamphetamine producing laboratories due to schedule V limitations on pseudoephedrine sales, importation has increased. Rural interstate highways such as US 54 and US 56 are conduits for shipments of methamphetamine from Mexico and the southwest. The funding will be utilized for training, equipment and overtime for joint Kansas Bureau of Investigation and local department cooperative investigations on methamphetamine importation.

- \$70,500 to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for Protective Vests

Almost all of the ballistic vests issued to the KBI's commissioned personnel are more than ten years old and long past the manufacturer's certification. This is a serious safety and liability issue for the KBI. The funding will be used to purchase new protective vests.

- \$300,000 for the Kansas University Medical Center Tele-Oncology Network

The Tele-Oncology Network is a crucial infrastructure component for KU's plan to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute. With the specific Tele-Oncology Network, Kansas cancer physicians will be able to participate in live cancer care discussions from their own hospitals and offices. The funds will be used for tele-health equipment. The equipment will enable KUMC to provide a breast cancer/genetic risk assessment and facilitate statewide cancer drug clinical trials for cancer patients.

- \$146,000 to the National Teacher's Hall of Fame in Emporia for Teacher Retention and Recruitment Programs

Over the next three to five years more than two million new teachers will be needed in classrooms throughout America. Recent data suggests that approximately 40 to 50 percent of early career teachers - those in the first, second or third years of teaching - leave the field within the first three years. There is a significant need to provide these early career teachers with quality professional development and nurturing and this funding will be utilized to do that through the National Teacher's Hall of Fame.

- \$500,000 toward the Replacement of the Big Blue River Bridge on US-77

The Big Blue River Bridge on US-77 is located one-half mile east of the town of Blue Rapids in

Marshall County. The steel truss bridge was constructed in 1950 and carries an average daily traffic count of 3,320 vehicles. The Big Blue River Bridge has been declared functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The replacement of the Big Blue River Bridge ranks in the top two percent statewide in terms of priority for needed projects. Survey work on the bridge began in December 2006 and the project letting is scheduled for 2011.

- \$500,000 for the City of Larned Wastewater Treatment Center

The project will replace the City of Larned's old trickling filter plant with a new Activated Sludge Treatment Plant using a Sequence Batch Reactor technology. This project is needed to meet new and more stringent National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit requirements that cannot be met with the current plant and its outdated technology. This project will serve the entire population of Larned along with patients, inmates and staff at the three state facilities - Larned State Hospital, Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility.

- \$195,000 to PrairieStar Health Center in Hutchinson for Facilities and Equipment

PrairieStar Health Center provides medical and dental services to individuals unable to access private health care. The funding will be used to enhance the equipment and facilities at PrairieStar. The center provides diagnoses and treatments for simple and complex illnesses, a pharmaceutical access program, free health education for individuals and families, Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services access, counseling, medical referrals, case management and Spanish translation services.

- \$118,000 to Doyle Creek Watershed in Peabody for Dam Construction

The proposed dam structure will reduce damages to cropland and grassland below the structure. The benefits accrued as a result of these structures include the following: reduced expense to the state and county because of reduced flooding to roads and bridges; reduced farm losses to such things as fences, buildings and machinery; and reduced sedimentation in major reservoirs below the watershed, specifically John Redmond Reservoir located in eastern Kansas. The planned structures will also provide flood control upstream from Peabody and Florence.

- \$100,000 to Youthville in Dodge City for Central Dining Facility Renovation

Funding will be used for a central kitchen and dining facility to be built on the Dodge City campus of Youthville to comply with new federal requirements. This will also allow Youthville to expand meal service to community youth attending the campus school. In addition, the new facility will be used for additional classroom and counseling space during off-hours.

- \$595,000 to Morning Star Ranch in Florence for Staff and Visitor Facility Repairs

Morning Star Ranch is a residential treatment and transitional program for young urban men. They enter a training program in order to transform their lives from homelessness, drug addiction, gang membership or crime to educated, clean, law abiding citizens. The funding will be used for facilities expansion and renovation so that Morning Star Ranch can accommodate more urban youth and families from Florence, Wichita and other areas that are impoverished and underserved.

- \$50,000 to Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale for Construction of Alternative Energy Sources for Facilities

Camp Wood YMCA is a summer camp and conference center located in the middle of the Flint Hills of Kansas. Within the past four years, Camp Wood YMCA has conducted a multi-million dollar capital campaign to renovate and construct new facilities. This additional funding will be used to construct alternative energy structures for these new facilities.